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# NEWSLETTER

### **The Official Newsletter of Dream Compassioneers**



Dream Compassioneers is a joint-school international education and volunteering organisation . It aims to provide schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world with daily necessities and opportunities for education, improving their lives in the long term. Dream Compassioneers is a registered charitable body. (IR File No. 91/17842) (Society Ref. No. 1963635)

### **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### Dear friends of Dream Compassioneers,

Hello everyone! All service and advocacy activities have been progressing smoothly this month. We would like to express my gratitude to all participants and supporters.

In terms of service, We want to extend our appreciation to St. Catharine's School for Girls letting us to have the chance to set up our charity sale at their annual funfair, allowing more people to learn about children's charity services. This initiative aims to raise awareness about the challenges and difficulties faced by children in impoverished areas. The proceeds will be donated to the Zango Foundation, a non-profit organization in Zambia, and New Future for Children in Cambodia, to help children gain access to education and living resources.

On the advocacy front, the qualifier match of 5th Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition has successfully concluded, and congratulations to the teams that advanced to the first round of qualifier contests. Additionally, this month's "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire" online seminar featured representatives from the The Chinese University of Hong Kong- Chung Chi The Suns, sharing their experiences in volunteer work in Sri Lanka, promoting cultural exchange and service spirit, greatly benefiting students. Furthermore, the Service Club of Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College continued to organize the "High Table Dinner Series" under the theme "Dedicating Oneself to Humanitarian Work, Saving Lives in War Zones." We were honored to have Ms. Lee Tze-yan, the awardee of the Hong Kong Humanity Award 2024, share her insights, encouraging students of all ages, genders, races, religions, and political beliefs to exhibit humanitarian spirit and lend a helping hand to those in need. Additionally, students from Bishop Hall Jubilee School and Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College Service Club participated in various experiential activities at the Crossroads Foundation of Hong Kong, gaining insights into the challenges faced by marginalized communities in today's society, including experiencing the harsh realities of war and participating in blindness simulations. These activities aimed to enhance students' empathy and raise awareness of the urgent needs in different corners of the world.

This month, the co-founders of "Dream Compassioneers" Ms. Ice Or and Ms. Bobo Wong, were invited to Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College to share their service experiences with Form 3 students. It was a privilege to encourage more young people to contribute their efforts and care for needy groups in the society. We will continue to stay true to our original intentions and strive for progress! In addition, the Model United Nations Conference, "Grant A Wish" material donation program, and the recruitment phase for the Primary School Service Debate Competition are currently underway. We welcome everyone to actively sign up and participate!

Finally, the second Charity Ball will be held on April 25th at the Tsim Sha Tsui Community Centre Hall. We look forward to seeing everyone there and lighting up children's dreams.

Sincerely, Ms. HUI Yi Tung, Kelly Vice President of 5th Executive Committee of Dream Compassioneers

#### **OUR AIMS**

1 This association aims to provide daily necessities and education opportunities for schoolchildren in poverty-stricken regions all over the world, improving their life in the long term.

2 This association strives to raise public awareness of the situation and needs of the poor in povertystricken regions, encouraging more capable individuals to lend a helping hand to those in need.

3 This association hopes to enrich the organizational and overseasservice-related experience of Hong Kong students. By widening their horizons, this association hopes to foster the all-round growth of students and to nurture future servant leaders.

4 This association embraces individuals of various religious backgrounds and political viewpoints, yet does not participate in any religious or political activities.



### "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire" Online Webinar



We are honored to invite The Chinese University of Hong Kong- Chung Chi The Suns as the guest speakers for the 32nd regular online seminar "Passion to Talk, Talk to Inspire". The theme will be "Happiness Can Be So Simple - Sri Lanka Volunteer Teaching Group 2024." We thank them for their heartfelt sharings, which share what they learnt and saw during the trip, learn from each other, enabling more children from rural areas to access educational opportunities, understand Hong Kong's local culture, and promote the spirit of service.

### **Charity Ball**

"This is charity ball that ignites children's dreams" The charity ball will take place on April 25 at the Tsim Sha Tsui Community Hall, the pre-sale of the tickets is available now! All proceeds from the ball, after deducting costs, will be donated to the Amity Foundation (Hong Kong) to build libraries and water and electricity facilities in Cambodia, and will also be used for local charity programs related to children. Feel free to seize the registration period, show your enthusiastic support, and guard the dreams of every child.



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# **Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition**

The qualifier match of 5th Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition has successfully concluded, while the first round is currently in full swing. The remaining matches of the first round and the second round will continue in April and May. We sincerely appreciate the support and active participation of all schools in the competition. Additionally, we are grateful to all the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend and provide feedback on the matches. We hope to continue enjoying the debaters' heated exchanges of words and to use the discussions to spread the idea of service.



### **DCMUN2025**

Dream Compassioneers Model United Nations (DCMUN 2025) Delegate Applications Open!

DCMUN2025 is looking for delegates! Our DCMUN conference will tentatively be held on the 18-19/7. Tentative location: The Chinese University of Hong Kong Application Deadline: 15/4/2025 23:59PM Application Method: Through Google Form (attached in Instagram bio)

Committees: Beginner level : UNICEF, HRC Intermediate level: ECOSOC

Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to send an email to mun@dreamcompassioneers.org or contact us directly at 95887675. Thank you.





## **Grant A Wish**

Dream Compassioneers is launching 'Grant A Wish', our signature supplies donation project. We hope to equip under-resourced students with necessities such as clothes, stationeries and masks. Recruitment of participating schools will end on March 20. Schools can collect supplies according to their schedules from March to May. After the screening, we will donate them to local and overseas charities, and we hope to extend our reach to other centres in need.

In addition, We encourage participating schools to recruit student ambassadors to assist with the project on campus. And we will present certificates to all participating schools to express our gratitude. Schools with outstanding participation will also be awarded gold, silver and bronze awards.

If your school is interested in participating in this meaningful programme, please fill in the google form by March 20 2025. Member schools will be prioritized. For any enquiries, please email us at grant-awish@dreamcompassioneers.org or message us at 9311 5169. We look forward to your enthusiastic support!



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#### Requirements regarding supplies

#### Stationery

handed or brand new stationery, exoluding the followings:

- Damaged stationery
- · Pens with spilled ink
- Notebooks
- Folders

#### Garments

he project would like to collect second-anded or brand new summer men's or comen's wear, excluding the followings: • Undergarments • Winter clothing • Used socks

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## St. Catharine's School for Girls annual funfair



Thank you to St. Catharine's School for Girls, letting us to have the chance to set up our charity sale at their annual funfair, allowing more people to learn about children's charity services. The proceeds will be donated to the Zango Foundation, a non-profit organization in Zambia, and New Future for Children in Cambodia, to help children gain access to education and living resources. Generosity overflowed, leading to a successful event. Once again, thank you to St. Catharine's and everyone for supporting the project!



# Dream Compassioneers Debate Competition primary school category



To raise awareness of children, poverty, and social issues, Dream Compassioneers established the Debate Competition in 2021 as an advocacy initiative. The competition was named with the intention of "walking alongside students." providing a platform for debaters to hone their skills, promote the spirit of service, and care about the world. With strong support from the academic community, the competition has been held for five consecutive years. This year, the secondary school category attracted nearly hundred participating schools, making it one of the largest debate competitions in Hong Kong.

Therefore, Dream Compassioneers is launching a primary school category this year to encourage students of different age groups to participate and promote the spirit of service. The deadline for registration is April 15, 2025. Interested participants can fill out the online registration form in our professional profiles, and the registration fee will be used for charitable purposes. Schools are encouraged to actively sign up for the competition, where they can sharpen their debating skills while promoting the spirit of service.

For any further inquiries, please email debate@dreamcompassioneers.org or contact 5411 1927. We look forward to everyone's active participation!

### Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College Service Club

This month, the Service Club of Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College, under the theme "Dedicating Oneself to Humanitarian Work, Saving Lives in War Zones," had the privilege of inviting Ms. Lee Tze-yan, the awardee of the Hong Kong Humanity Award 2024, to share her experiences. Ms. Lee shared with us the pivotal moment that led her to embark on the path of humanitarian aid, sharing the realities in different wartorn regions such as South Sudan and Sierra Leone, where medical resources are relatively scarce. She also encouraged students to pay attention to the urgent needs and challenges faced by people in various corners of the world, leaving them deeply inspired and greatly benefited.





### **Crossroads Foundation of Hong Kong experiential activities**

This month, students from the Service Club of Bishop Hall Jubilee School and Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College embarked on various experiential activities at the Crossroads Foundation of Hong Kong to gain insights into the challenges faced by disadvantaged communities in today's society.





By listening to stories of individuals infected with aids and immersing themselves in simulated scenarios, students not only grasp the cruelty of war but also develop a deeper understanding of the suffering of people living in violence and poverty. They comprehend the vulnerability of life due to the lack of adequate medical resources in underdeveloped regions, thus benefiting significantly from the experience. On the same day, students participated in a blindness simulation, being led by visually impaired individuals through a village in Africa in complete darkness. From this, they learned how to navigate directions relying on their hearing, touch, and smell in the absence of sight. Through this experience in darkness, students gained insights into the inconveniences and challenges faced by visually impaired individuals in their daily lives, enhancing empathy and inspiring them to care for and change the world through action.



### Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College sharing

On the 21st of this month, the co-founders of Dream Compassioneers, Ms. Ice Or and board member Ms. Bobo Wong, had the privilege of being invited to Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College to share about their service with the Form 3 students. By sharing the activities we had set up in terms of services and advocacy. It aimed to encourage more young people to contribute their efforts, focus on social issues, promote the spirit of service, and lend a helping hand to those in need. Once again, heartfelt thanks to Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College for the invitation and the students' support.





### **Contact Information**



Thank you for supporting us!

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